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### Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics to Meet in February

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 2011** –The annual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics (ACAS) held by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will take place in Arlington, Va., on Feb. 22-23.

Each year the committee meets to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and NASS on the scope, content and timing of surveys and the five-year census of agriculture. The 20 committee members represent a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests.

Items to be discussed at this year's meeting include 2012 Census of Agriculture content and outreach; how NASS statistics are used by program agencies; and NASS's new National Operations Center, currently under construction in St. Louis, Mo. The committee will also look at ongoing NASS programs and surveys such as the On-farm Energy Production Survey, Census of Horticultural Specialties and Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey.

The meeting will be open to the public and will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comments at 10 a.m. on Feb. 23.

For more information about the ACAS, visit [http://www.nass.usda.gov/About\\_NASS/Advisory\\_Committee\\_on\\_Agriculture\\_Statistics/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture_Statistics/index.asp).

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